

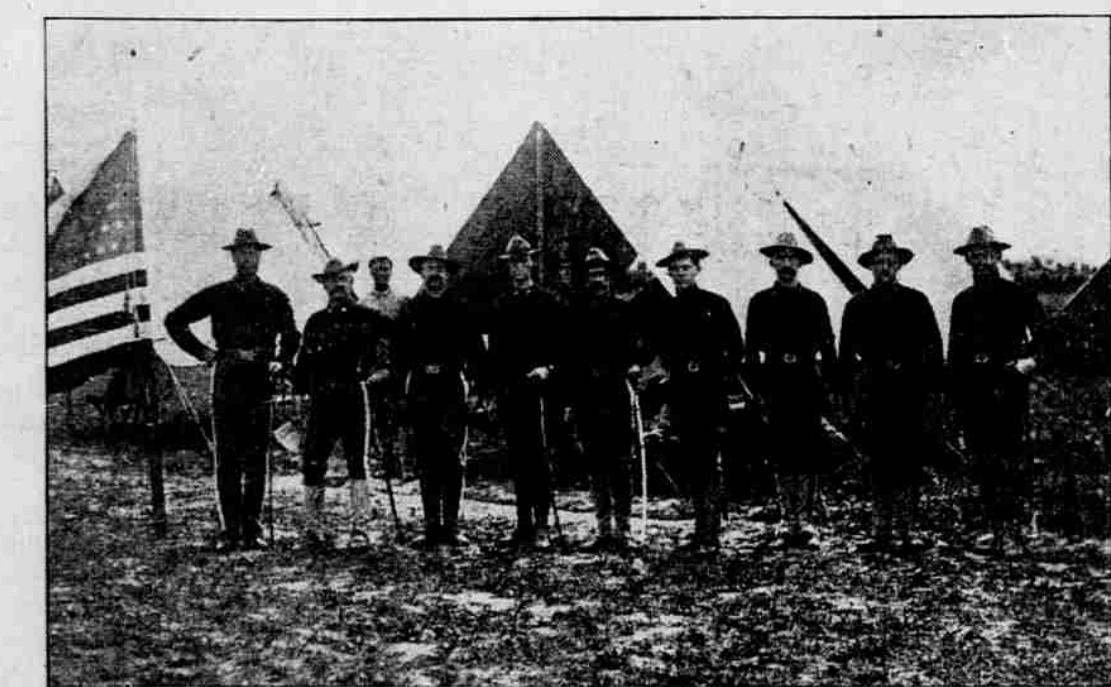
NAVAL BATTALION SAILS ON THE FERN

Amateur Tars to Have a
Two-Day Cruise on
the Potomac

BRIGADE MARKSMEN READY

Leave for Sea Girt Wednesday—Personnel of Detail—Major Bell Captain of Team—Major Bell to Continue to Act as Quartermaster General.

Under orders issued from militia headquarters during the week, the Naval Battalion, 100 strong, set sail on the U. S. Fern last evening for a two days' practice cruise on the Potomac. Lieut. R. B. Brummett, navigating officer of the battalion, who is captain of the Fern, was in charge of the expedition, while Major Charles H. Orand, inspector general of the militia, made the trip as the representative of the commanding general. Both will submit reports on the outing.



COL. HENRY MAY AND STAFF, FIRST REGIMENT, D. C. N. G.

It had been intended that the Fern should be gotten under way during the afternoon, but the tide had gone out when steam was secured, and it was found necessary to wait until high tide in the evening. After much difficulty the start was made at 7:30 p. m. The delay enabled the officers to get everything into ship shape, for as it was the first trip of the year, there were some things which had to be arranged.

Lieut. Sidney Bleher, paymaster of the battalion, will look after the commissary end of the trip, while Lieut. S. Clifford Cox, surgeon of the battalion, has medical stores aboard to prevent sickness. It is not expected that the Fern will go more than eighty or ninety miles down the river, as she must lie at her dock at the foot of Seventh Street, again by 6 o'clock Monday morning.

General Harries desires to give the men of the battalion as much practice as possible, and it is probable there will be three or four Saturday evenings. During these trips the crew is exercised in such drills, gun practice, and boat maneuvers as the commanding officer may direct. Lieut. May is acting chief engineer, while Lieutenants Lang, Dempf, Clephane and Berry are looking after the men of the two divisions.

Ready for Sea Girt.

Arrangements are all complete for the departure of the Fern of the District for Sea Girt, N. J., next Wednesday. At a meeting held at militia headquarters on Thursday evening Brig. Gen. George H. Harries, commanding the militia, who was formerly inspector general of rifle practice, addressed the men. He told what had been done by the men from the National Capital before, and said that much would be expected of them this year. He spoke particularly of the Hilton Trophy match, and said that while the team would be forgiven if the Interstate trophy went somewhere else, they must bring back the Hilton, which is the finest prize at the meet.

He concluded the members of the team to pay strict attention to their team work and to let the individual matches pass by until the Hilton match has been decided. Then, he said, they can go ahead and win everything in sight as they did last year. He said that only a completely harmonious team spirit and firm belief in the team captain and team coach would bring about the results which should be achieved. He said it was hardly necessary to call attention of the men to the importance of being soldierly in their appearance, for the District team has always stood foremost in this as in other respects at all the meets. In closing, he paid a tribute to Major James E. Bell, the team captain.

Following General Harries, Major Bell made a few remarks in which he went over the arrangements for the trip. The team, with other guardsmen who are to make the trip, will leave Washington over the Pennsylvania Railroad at 11 a. m. Wednesday and arrive at Sea Girt in time for supper in the evening. Thursday will be given over to practice and Friday will witness the opening of the meet. On Saturday the principal event will be the inspectors' match, in which Major Bell and other inspectors of rifle practice will be eligible. The Hilton Trophy match will be shot on the following Tuesday, and two days later the Interstate trophy match will be shot. The team will return on Saturday, September 6.

Brigade Team Detail.

Following are the officers and men who have been detailed for duty with the brigade rifle team:

Private Maurice Appleby, Company A, Sixth Battalion; Private George E. Cook, Company A, Third Battalion; First Lieut. George E. Dennison, I. A. P., Fifth Battalion; Private C. W. Dieke, Company A, Third Battalion; First Lieut. W. M. Farrow, I. A. P., Fourth Battalion; Capt. Sheridan Forbes, Company D, Sixth Battalion; First Sergt. Charles E. Groom, Company B, Fourth Battalion; Major William E. Harvey, Sixth Battalion; First Lieut. Frank W. Holt, quartermaster, Sixth Battalion; Private Robert E. Pile, Company A, Sixth Battalion; Major L. H. Reichelderfer, Second Battalion; Capt. Alfred P. Robbins, aide-de-camp, general staff; Capt. Alexander Summers, Company A, Sixth Battalion; Private S. I. Scott, Company A, Sixth Battalion; Private C. Mac, Taylor, Company A, Sixth Battalion; Private S. B. Wetherald, Company A, Third Battalion; Major Glendie B. Young, Third Battalion.

their annual encampment last month. Major Neumeyer had charge of both departments and conducted them successfully. The commanding general congratulated him upon his work and intimated that the two officers would be combined so long as he continued in the Guard. Major Parmenter has recently been commissioned as chief of ordnance, vice Major M. V. Tierney, resigned.

Everything is quiet about the armories these days, and many of the rifles are not opened from one end of the week to the other. Drills have been suspended until the fall, and only a few of the companies hold assemblies at all. Sergt. W. A. Duval, the superintendent of the armory, has had his hands busy, however, preparing for the annual inspection and condemnation of public property. This embraces all uniforms and equipments and the like which have become unserviceable during the year, and it is estimated that about \$20,000 is turned in each year in this manner.

The board to pass on the property is appointed by the Secretary of War. During the past few years Major Charles H. Orand and Capt. E. F. Ropes and Capt. A. P. Robbins have filled the place, and it is more than probable they will be appointed again this year. Years ago it was the custom to dispose of the goods at auction, but much was lost in this manner, and last year all the stuff was shipped back. There are about 500 blouses and an equal number of trousers, leggings, blue shirts, and the like, and in addition this year much hospital property will be turned in.

Landsman William C. Pinkard, Second Battalion, has been discharged in the interest of the service. On their own applications, First-class Private Charles W. Seltzer, Engineer Corps; Private Joseph Moriarty, Company A, Second Battalion, and Electrician Adolph Johnson, First Division, Naval Battalion, have been honorably discharged.

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FAITH OF CHINESE IN USE OF GINSENG

Miraculous Healing Properties in Kirin Kin.

Large Quantity Sold at a Fabulous Price—American Growth in Demand.

In reply to inquiries by a New York correspondent, United States Consul James W. Ragsdale, of Tientsin, under date of June 25, 1902, wrote the State Department:

"There are four principal kinds of ginseng known to the trade—the native, which comes from Kirin and its neighborhood; the Korean, the American, and the Japanese. Miraculous healing properties are ascribed to the Kirin ginseng, and it commands a very high price, the best specimens being sold at 200 to 600 times their weight in silver.

"Only the wealthy, of course, can indulge in this costly drug, but such is the faith of all classes of China in the life-giving virtues of the plant that even the poorer classes make tremendous sacrifices to obtain it, in cases of emergency. Owing to the immense demand and the limited supply in the wild state, the farmers near Kirin are doing a thriving business in cultivating ginseng, although it commands only a fraction of the price that is paid for it in a wild condition.

Ginseng From Korea.

"Korean ginseng is next in cost, the prices ranging from \$2.07 to \$11.12 per catty (11.3 pounds), according to size and quality. The consumption of Korean ginseng must be enormous, but no statistics are available, as most of it is smuggled over the border from Korea to China.

"American ginseng is becoming more widely known and more popular every year, especially in the southern provinces. In the last few years the prices paid for it have more than doubled. In the province of Chinkiang, American ginseng is in special demand. Almost everybody takes it in the spring as a tonic.

Cheapest Ginseng From Japan.

"The cheapest ginseng comes from Japan: It is used principally by those who cannot afford the other kinds. "There can be no doubt that a profitable business can be done in this article, if the trade is properly pushed by Chinese agents of good social standing. Wild ginseng commands a much higher price in China than the cultivated article."

ALL IN READINESS FOR SEA GIRT SHOOT

Marines From Washington
Already in the Camp

Practicing for National Tournament—Others Expected in Few Days.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

RIFLE RANGE, SEA GIRT, N. J., Aug. 23.—In practice for the tournament of the National and New Jersey Rifle Associations, which opens next week, the United States Marine Corps, of Washington, was joined this morning by the New Jersey State team. Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia teams are due early next week, the Mount Gretna, where the State contests close this afternoon.

For the ten State teams and scores of individual marksmen who will take in the shoot, 150 large circular tents have been put up, just north of the clubhouse and facing the firing line.

The Marine Corps team, which arrived Wednesday afternoon, has done better work in practice than it did last year. Under the command of Major L. H. Lauchheimer, who is accompanied by Lieut. T. Holcomb and Lieut. R. C. Dewey, the team is composed of Sergeant Major Hayes, Gunnery Sergeants Howard, Boyle and Wilson, First Sergeant Malone, Sergeants Dionne, Norton, Lonsdale and Cook, Corporal Baptiste, Privates Markey, Mayber and Lovelace, and Trumpeter Shibley.

Prominent Army Officers. More prominent army officers will be at this year's shoot than at any ever held at Sea Girt. General Spencer, expects Assistant Secretary Sanger to be present. Gen. Wesley Merritt, Gen. John R. Brooke, Gen. Arthur MacArthur, Gen. William Crozier, chief of the Ordnance Department, and Maj. Frank Heath, also of the Ordnance Department, will be here.

The Department of the East has also detailed Capt. Ormond M. Lissah, of the Ordnance Department, and Second Lieut. Emory I. Smith, of the Ninth Infantry, to report to General Spencer to study the experiments to be conducted during the tournament.

In the arrangements for the international match for the Palma trophy, to be shot at Ottawa, on September 13, there is a hitch.

Opposed to Suggestion.

The officers of the National Rifle Association are opposing the suggestion of the Canadians who have notified the United States that the match will be started at 2 o'clock. To this announcement, Lieut. A. S. Jones, the secretary, replied that it would be impossible to finish the match before dark, if it was started at that hour, without great hurry.

At Sea Girt last year one minute was allowed for each of the men at 300, 400 and 500 yards, and a half hour for rest between the ranges, and the contest on the first range was held in the morning. The United States will stand out against beginning the match at such a late hour.

STOCK RAISING IN MEXICO PROFITABLE

Best Locality in State of Chihuahua.

Lands Can Be Bought From Government at a Very Low Price Per Acre.

In reply to inquiries by a New York correspondent, Vice Consul C. E. Wesche, of Ciudad Juarez, under date of August 2, 1902, writes:

"The best locality for stock raising in this consular district is the northwestern portion of the state of Chihuahua, near the main range of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Rain falls for several months in the year, and water will also be more accessible during the dry season, from March to July.

"The government price for 'terrenos baldios,' or waste lands, is \$1.10 Mexican (45.6 cents) per hectare (2.47 acres), which can be paid in 'bonos del gobierno,'—government scrip—which is at present quoted at 20 per cent discount.

Mortgages to Government.

"Persons can buy on time by mortgaging the land to the government. Liberal concessions are given to colonists coming to locate with their families. In the past the government has given to persons surveying waste lands one-third of the land surveyed. This is no longer done, as the government owns very little land that is of value and accessible. "Land owned by private individuals can be bought for cash at favorable prices. Grazing land runs from 50 cents to \$1.50 gold per acre.

Water Easily Accessible.

"Where it is necessary to dig for water, it can be had within 200 feet at the outside, and in many places within fifteen feet of the surface. The average depth is about fifty feet. The average grazing land in Chihuahua will support one head of stock for every ten to fifteen acres the year round. Mexican cowboys receive about \$30 Mexican (\$12.45 per month). The railway charges for the transportation of a carload of cattle from Terreros or Casas Grandes, Mexico, to El Paso, Tex., are \$55 Mexican (\$22.82). Yearling steers bring about \$10 gold per head at El Paso. Cattle raising should pay not less than 15 per cent; some ranches pay considerably more.

Little Competition in Farming.

"There is little competition in farming. The vicinity of Casas Grandes is a good field for agriculture, as there are numerous mining camps to consume the produce of the farmer, and prices are good for all articles. Near Galeña there

is a tract of farming land for sale, of 4,000 acres, at about \$2 gold per acre. "As a side issue to farming, the raising of hogs is profitable, as the Mexicans are great consumers of pork, most of which is now imported from the United States. The northwestern part of Chihuahua is well adapted for farming; cattle raising is already carried on on a large scale by such firms as the Corralitos Company, A. B. Urnston, and Luis Ferreras, each one of whom operates with \$500,000 gold."

COL. JOYCE'S NEW BOOK AN INTERESTING ONE

Some Odd Features of "Brickbats and Bouquets."

"Brickbats and Bouquets" is the title of Col. John A. Joyce's latest book. It is fresh from the press of F. Tennyson Neely, bound in blue, with a flag cover ornament in red. It contains 259 pages and a vast amount of philosophy. Some of the "brickbats" are heavy and are thrown with the certain aim of an intellectual marksman. Many of them leave black and blue marks upon the conscience of the reader who has not become so possessed with self-esteem that he believes himself devoid of the fickleness and folly that are inseparable from human nature, even in the twentieth century form. Many of the "bouquets" are sweet and refreshing, with whiffs of dainty comfort in their homage to the good and the great.

The book has its imperfections, being in this like most books. There are weeds with the flowers and certain of the "brickbats" fall short. And, as the author signs himself "Yours for truth," the defects cannot be ignored. Certain of the verses embraced between the covers of this collection are characteristic and meritorious; many others might better have been left unpainted. Yet throughout the work there is that powerful individuality which has made the colonel always an earnest and militant writer.

"Brickbats and Bouquets" is dedicated to the memory of the philosopher Epictetus, "the subject and slave of Nero, but the lofty intellectual superior of the Roman tyrant." The preface, brief and to the point, is: "My object in writing this book is to throw kiln-dried brickbats of truth at the horrid head of hypocrisy, envy, malice, selfishness and tyranny, and while I have little hope of reforming the sneaking, sordid, arrogant crew, it will give me great pleasure to see

the dear reader occasionally dodge and exclaim, 'He didn't mean that for me!' The bouquets I throw at the modest few, and the personalized gods and goddesses speak for themselves."

Nearly one-half of Colonel Joyce's volume is given over to an allegorical conversational drama, in which the personified passions—Laura Love, Horace Hate, Harry Hope, Terra Truth, Hallam Hypocrisy, Ella Envy, George Generosity, Walter Wiland, Diana Despair—assemble at Mount Olympus and discuss, in their various ways, things of the past that bear upon the history of civilization. The dialogue is epigrammatic and seldom fails to interest, and the brickbats are thrown unceasingly and with a prodigality that suggests modern target practice. The characters preach and moralize and drop into poetry as suits the topic under consideration. Their conversations all tend to prove that truth is eternal and that, while fraud may flourish for a time, under a thousand and one disguises, it is certain to be brought to merited punishment. The characters discuss interesting persons who have made history and visit several great cities in their comment upon the frailties of mankind.

Under the caption "Fatal Fata in Prose and Poetry" the author delivers a bundle of epigrams which will be perused with interest, amusement, and perhaps, with profit. Under this head there also come many of Colonel Joyce's recent verses, collected for the first time. The reader will be impressed by the candor of "Brickbats and Bouquets." There is little of the glitter and glitter and flame of the rantier in the comment upon the facts and deceptions of humanity, but there is a deal of broadsword combat with conventionalities, and it is impressive. The book is well worth the reading, whatever its faults, and the average man and woman will find it far from dull.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

The training ship Lancaster has arrived at New London, the training ship Buffalo at Hongkong, the gunboat General Alava at Cavite, and the torpedo boat Stockton at Boston. The collier Leonidas has sailed from San Juan for Lambert's Point via Cape Haytien, the collier Humboldt from Frenchman Bay for Lambert's Point, the distilling ship Arcthusa from Singapore for Aden, the dispatch boat Sylph from Oyster Bay for Newport, the sunboat Topeka from Puerto Cabello for Hampton Roads via San Juan, and the cruiser Cincinnati from Laguayra for Cape Haytien. The naval vessels Narkeeta, Sioux, Netscot, Modoc and Samoset, and the collier Hercules, have sailed from Boston for the Maine trial course.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EASTERN MARKETMASTER

Recommended That Facilities Be Largely Increased.

Increase in Receipts Over Previous Year—Revenue From Stalls and Cane.

The District Commissioners yesterday received from Mr. B. F. Graham, master of the Eastern Market, his report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902. The receipts from the rental of stalls, etc., were \$3,196, distributed as follows: Four fish stalls at \$12 per month, \$144; twenty-four meat stalls at \$26 per month, \$1,584; seven butter stalls at \$28 per month, \$840; thirty-three butcher stalls at \$59 per month, \$1,953; twelve miscellaneous stalls at \$45 per month, \$576; one cafe, at \$6 per month, \$72; extra gas for the year, \$28.

This was an increase of \$15 over the receipts of the previous year. "There are eighty stalls in the market," says Mr. Graham, "and a cafe, from which all the revenue is derived. The stalls are on the ground floor, and the cafe is a large room which overlooks the lower arcade. This room was originally intended for an office for the Marketmaster, but was converted some years ago into a cafe, which adds \$72 to the annual rental of the market. It has never been vacant since it was instituted. Of the eighty stalls there is not a vacancy, nor has there been since May 12, 1897. During my incumbency in office there has been but one vacancy, and that for but two and a half months. I have applications on hand at all times for any vacancy that may occur. I could easily rent 120 stalls if I had them, and could for several years previous to this time."

"As to recommendation for an extension, I would be pleased to relocate my former recommendation as embodied in last year's report, namely, an enlargement of the market house to contain as many stalls more as there now are. The rapid growth of Capitol Hill convinces me that if eighty stalls have been maintained for twenty-nine years, this would be a good time to double the number of stalls. The East Washington Citizens' Association has had this matter under discussion for some time, and will heartily endorse this recommendation."



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20 Per Cent Discount.

The Palais Royal Clearing Sale is ending with reduced prices reduced. One fifth is to be deducted from the price marked on any Bathing Cap, any Trunk or Bag, any Suit Case or Telescope, any Refrigerator or Ice Chest, any Water Cooler or Ice Cream Freezer, any Gas or Oil Stove, any Garden Hose or Lawn Mower, any Baby Carriage or Go-cart. Note that a reduced price is marked on nearly every one of these articles, and that one-fifth is to be deducted from the reduced prices.

Upholstery.	Surprise Prices.	For Preserving.
(Fourth floor.)	(Basement floor.)	(Basement floor.)
Only a few pairs of each, so that we can afford greater reductions than if greater quantities were here. Lace Curtains, Heavy Curtains, and Couch Covers, as follows:	Nursery Clothes, Hosiery, 5c Folding Sewing Tables, 5c Combination Stool and chair, 5c Ironing Boards on Stand, 5c Kitchen Cereal Boxes, 5 in set, 35c Wood Fiber Pails, 10c Cedar Pail, with electric hoops, 10c 7 cakes Rabbit's Soap, 10c 20c Corn Brooms, good quality, 15c 4 cakes of Sunshine Soap, 10c Black Flag Insect Powder, 5c 12 cakes White Floating Soap, 5c 5c Sink Brooms, very useful, 10c 10c Guna, for insect powder, 10c 12 boxes Safety Matches, 10c Ball Blue, large-size box, 10c 5c Toilet Paper, good quality, 10c "1776" Soap Powder, 2 for 10c Sparkling Silver Polish, 10c 12c Ceiling Dusters, 10c 6 Glasses, first quality, 10c Nickel Sugar Sifters, 10c Nickel Soap Dishes, 10c 50c Nickel Coffee Pot, 10c Infants' \$1.00 High Chairs, 10c Sink Shovels, 5c value, 10c 2 cakes Silica Sand Soap, 10c 7 packages Gold Dust Powder, 10c Household Ammonia, 10c Army and Navy Compound, 10c Rising Sun Stove Polish, 10c Red Seal Lye, per can, 10c Palais Royal Silver Polish, 10c	Fruit Jar Rubbers, per doz., 3c Tin-top Jelly Glasses, per dozen, 18c Mason Fruit Jars, per dozen, 45c Sun Fruit Jars, glass tops, per dozen, 79c Royal Fruit Jars, per dozen, 79c Kettles, white enameled lined, 4-qt. size, 21c Kettles, white enameled lined, 8-qt. size, 33c Kettles, white enameled lined, 12-qt. size, 39c Kettles, white enameled lined, 14-qt. size, 50c Kettles, white enameled lined, 20-qt. size, 65c
2 pairs \$3 Irish Point Lace \$1.98 Curtains; per pair. 2 pairs \$5 Irish Point Lace \$2.69 Curtains; per pair. 3 pairs \$6 Irish Point Lace \$3.50 Curtains; per pair. 3 pairs \$10 Irish Point Lace \$5.98 Curtains; per pair. 5 pairs \$1 Nottingham Lace 69c Curtains; per pair. 2 pairs \$2 Nottingham Lace \$1.19 Curtains; per pair. 4 pairs \$4 Brussels effect Lace Curtains; per pair. 2 pairs \$5 Brussels effect Lace Curtains; per pair. 1 pair \$2.50 Tapestry Curtains reduced to \$1.49 1 pair \$5 Tapestry Curtains reduced to \$2.75 1 pair \$10 Tapestry Curtains reduced to \$6.98 1 Tapestry Couch Cover, was \$2.50, reduced to \$1.49 1 Tapestry Couch Cover, was \$5, reduced to \$2.98	1 pair \$2.50 Tapestry Curtains reduced to \$1.49 1 pair \$5 Tapestry Curtains reduced to \$2.75 1 pair \$10 Tapestry Curtains reduced to \$6.98 1 Tapestry Couch Cover, was \$2.50, reduced to \$1.49 1 Tapestry Couch Cover, was \$5, reduced to \$2.98	Ample quantities of the following, at prices to attract hotel proprietors and others expecting Grand Army visitors: All- linen Table Damask, 44c 76-inch Damask, \$1 value, 70c Shower, double-bed size, 9c Fitted Cases, 12 1/2c value, 9c Bedspreads, \$1.25 value, 50c All- linen Towels, 15c value, 10c All- linen Crash, 10c value, 10c

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Plates, tea, breakfast, or dinner-size. Each, 4c	Chambers—1,500 of them. First quality. Each, 11c	11-inch Meat Platters, 25c quality and size, for.
Fruit Saucers, Worth 5c dozen. Half price, each, 2c	Hallway Jugs, 15c quality and size, for only, 5c	12-inch Meat Platters, 25c quality and size, for.

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